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SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

This Submission is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2005, rejecting claims 27-42 and 44-109 of the above-referenced patent application. The cited references are U.S. Patent Nos. 5,137,808; 6,255,047; and 6,632,655. The undersigned would like to thank Examiners Venci and Le for the telephonic interview held on June 15, 2005 and for their suggestions regarding areas on which to focus in the response.

The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. As indicated there, please amend claims 32, 52, 62, 63, 64, 66, 68, 84, 85, 88, 89, and 104-107; please cancel claims 27-31, 33-42, 44, 52-61, 70-83, 86-87, 90-103, 108, and 109. No new matter is added by the amendments.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.